

REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

**Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mack, II et al. (6,510,325).**

**Regarding claims 1, and 10, Mack discloses a convertible portable telephone comprising detecting at a server on a publicly accessible communication network that a mobile device communicating with the server may have been stolen, and making a telephone call to a call center to initiate action in response to detecting that the mobile device may have been stolen (see fig.6, element 30, and its description).**

The applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1 has been amended to make clear that what is detected by the server is that a mobile device communicating with the server is one that "had been identified to the server as having possibly been stolen." Thus, in some examples, the user identifies to the server that his laptop computer may have been stolen. Then, the server detects that a mobile device that is communicating with the server is the user's laptop computer. In Mack, by contrast, once the user reports his mobile telephone as stolen, the telephone company simply sends a theft mode signal to the known telephone number of the stolen telephone.

Thus, Mack did not describe and would not have made obvious claim 1, which includes "detecting that a mobile device communicating with the server is a mobile device that had been identified to the serve as having possibly been stolen." To the contrary, there would have been no need in Mack's system for such detection, because the telephone company already knows the telephone number of the stolen telephone and can send a signal to the telephone without doing any "detecting".

Amended claim 10 is patentable for at least similar reasons as claim 1.

**Regarding claims 2, 8, and 11, Mack further discloses the publicly accessible communication network comprises the Internet (see col.2, line 52-col.3, line 16).**

Claims 2, 8, and 11 are patentable for at least the same reasons as the claims on which they depend. The applicant also notes that the cited passage does not seem to refer to the Internet.

**Regarding claims 3-7, and 9 Mack further discloses detecting comprises analyzing a message sent from the mobile device to the server, the message containing information identifying the mobile device (see col.4, line 65-col.5, line 20).**

Claims 3-7 and 9 are patentable for at least the same reasons as the claim on which they depend. The applicant also notes that, in the cited passage of Mack, although the picture of the thief is sent to the telephone company or the police station, that action is not part of the "detecting" to which reference is made in claim 3.

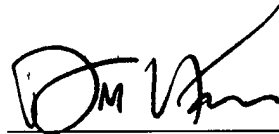
Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance that the applicant has (a) addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner, (b) made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims, or (c) amended a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

Enclosed is a \$210.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, reference 12017-002001.

Respectfully submitted,

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